

man who broke the heart of lovely Josephine, and who, when asked if the great losses of life in his battles were not too dear a price to pay for his victories, shrugged his shoulders worthily and said, "You must break the eggs if you want to make an omelet!" I say it will not be difficult for him to decide.

The prisoners of war by his order are taken out on the sands and put to death—one thousand of them, two thousand of them, three thousand of them, four thousand of them, massacred. And the blood pours down into the sea, the red of the one mingling with the blue of the other, and making an awful maroon which neither God nor nation can ever forget. Ye who are fond of vivid contrasts put the two scenes of Joppa side by side, Doreas with her needle, and the immortal butcher with his knife.

CEDARS OF LEBANON.
But standing on this Joppa house top I look off on the Mediterranean, and what is that strange sight I see? The waters are black, seemingly for miles. There seems to be a great multitude of logs fastened together. Oh, yes! It is a great raft of timbers. They are cedars of Lebanon which King Hiram is furnishing King Solomon in exchange for 20,000 measures of wheat, 20,000 baths of oil and 20,000 baths of wine. These cedars have been cut down and trimmed in the mountains of Lebanon by the 70,000 axmen engaged there, and with great whistles and iron bolts are fastened together, and they are floating down to Joppa to be taken across the land for Solomon's temple, now building at Jerusalem, for we have lost our hold of the Nineteenth century and are clear back in the ages.

The rafts of cedar are guided into what is called the Moon Pool, an old harbor south of Joppa, now filled with sand and useless. With long poles the timber is pushed this way and that in the water, then with levers and many a loud, long "Ho, heave!" as the cutters get their shoulders under the great weight, the timber is fastened to the wagons and the loving oxen are yoked to the load, and the procession of teams moves on with crack of whip and growled out words which, translated, I suppose would correspond with the "When, hay, gee!" of modern teamsters, toward Jerusalem, which is thirty miles away, over mountainous distances which for hundreds of years defied all engineering. And those rough cedars shall become carved pillars, and beautiful altars, and rounded bannisters, and exquisite harps, and kingly chairs.

As the wagon train moves out from Joppa over the plain of Sharon toward Jerusalem I say to myself, what vast numbers of people helped build that temple of Solomon, and what vast numbers of people are now engaged in building the wider, grander temple of righteousness rising to the earth. Our Christian ancestry toiled at it, amid sweat and tears, and hundreds of the generations of the good, and the long train of Christian workers still moves on, and as in the construction of Solomon's temple some hewed with the ax in the far away Lebanon, and some drove a wedge, and some twisted a wire, and some trod the wet and slippery rafts on the sea, and some yoked the ox, and some pulled at the load, and some shovelled the plane, and some fitted the joints, and some heaved up the rafters, but all helped build the temple, though some of these never saw it, so now let us all put our hands, and our shoulders, and our hearts to the work of building the temple of righteousness, which is to fill the earth; and one will bind a wound, and another will wipe away a tear, and another will teach a class, and another will speak the encouraging word, and all of us will be ready to pull and lift, and in some way help on the work. We will the millionaires shall give the plane of that finished temple, and at its shining gates the world shall put down its last burden, and in its lavers wash off its last stain, and at its altars the last wanderer shall kneel. At the dedication of that temple all the armies of earth and heaven will "shoulder arms" and "present arms" and "ground arms," for "behold! a greater than Solomon is here."

AND NOW FOR JERUSALEM.
But my first day in the Holy Land is ended. The sun is already closing his eye for the night. I stand on the balcony of a hotel which was brought to Joppa in pieces from the state of Maine by some fanatics who came here expecting to see Christ reappear in Palestine. My room here was once occupied by that Christian hero of the centuries—English, Chinese, Egyptian, world-wide General Gordon, a man mighty for God as well as for the world's pacification. Although the first of December and winter, the air is full of fragrance from gardens all a-bloom, and under my window are acacia and tamarisk and mulberry and century plants and orange groves and oleander. From the drowsiness of the air and the fatigues of the day I feel sleepy. Good night! To-morrow morning we start for Jerusalem.

An Old Time London Clipper.
One of the old time London clipper tea ships, the Mikado, is now lying in the Erie basin. She was run into in the most stupid and unaccountable manner by the big Philadelphia tug-boat Rattler, and considerably damaged on the port side, and is being repaired at the Rattler's expense. The Mikado is a handsome type of a line of vessels that have passed away. She is what is known as a composite ship—that is, the frames are iron, with teak planking fastened with copper bolts. These clippers were specially built for the tea trade, and many a cargo the Mikado has discharged in New York. The figurehead is the mikado, saber in hand. On each side of the bow is the Chinese dragon. Each side of the after cabin doors is decorated with carved figures of this emblem. The rig of the Mikado has been altered to a bark, as it requires less hands to man the vessel. The cabin is very handsome, the panels being painted with Chinese and Japanese scenes. The master, Capt. W. Dunn; Mrs. Dunn and their two boys live aboard. Capt. Dunn has quite a museum of curiosities—petrified jellyfish, boats made from the breastbone of the albatross, collections of dried flowers and leaves, including some from Pitcairn Island. The Mikado has been for years in the Chilean trade, and was once caught in an attack made by the Porvian fleet when the latter attempted to cut out the vessels of the Chileans. Capt. Dunn has made ten trips around Cape Horn in the Mikado.—Brooklyn

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